

REMARKS

In the patent application, claims 1, 5, 7-29 and 32-34 are pending.

In the office action, claims 1, 5, 7-9, 11-14, 16-22 and 24-29 are rejected, claims 10, 15 and 23 are allowed, and claims 32-34 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has canceled claims 1, 17 and 24.

Applicant has amended claims 32-34 to be in independent form in order to put these claims in condition for allowance.

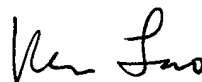
Applicant has amended claims 5, 7-9, 11 and 27 to be dependent from claim 32, which is allowable. Applicant has amended claims 18-22 and 28 to be dependent from claim 33, which is allowable. Applicant has also amended claims 25 and 26 to be dependent from claim 34, which is allowable. As amended, claims 5, 7-9, 11, 18-22 and 25-28 are allowable.

Claims 12-14 and 16 are dependent from claim 11, which is now allowable. Claim 29 is dependent from claim 28, which is now allowable. Thus, claims 12-14 and 29 are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 10, 15 and 23 have been allowed. As amended, claims 5, 7-9, 11-14, 16, 18-22, 25-29 and 32-34 are allowable. Early allowance of claims 5, 7-16, 18-23, 25-29 and 32-34 is earnestly solicited.

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